

## **Sean C. Staples- Biographical Summary**

Sean C. Staples is a magistrate judge assigned to the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He presides over an abuse and neglect calendar, serves on the Family Court Rules Committee and is Co-Chair of the Family Court Training Committee.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Staples was GAL Project Director at Children's Law Center, the largest legal services organization in the District of Columbia and the only to focus on children. Prior to his work at CLC, Mr. Staples was a clinical professor in the criminal division of the D.C. Law Students in Court Program. He taught criminal trial practice and procedure and supervised law students in the representation of adults and juveniles in D.C. Superior Court.

He has worked as an assistant public defender in Fairfax, VA and as a sole practitioner. He has tried dozens of cases in criminal and family courts. He is former co-chair of the Courts, Lawyers and Administration of Justice Steering Committee of the D.C. Bar and a former member of D.C. Law Student's in Court Board of Directors.

Mr. Staples received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and graduated *magna cum laude* from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. He served as a judicial clerk for Associate Judge Robert E. Morin in D.C. Superior Court. Prior to law school he was a legislative assistant and assistant press secretary to Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. in New York's 19th congressional district.